



# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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### Situation Report

### Hurricane Rita Support

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### Hurricane Rita

Rita continues as a Tropical Depression (surface Low Pressure). The National Weather Service reports the center of the storm 80 miles north-northwest of Indianapolis, Indiana and moving to the northeast. Rita as a recognizable storm will weaken and become absorbed by frontal wave sometime this morning. Flood and Flash Flood warnings continue for parts of Mississippi, Alabama and the panhandle of Florida.

The Storm Prediction Center indicates that there is a risk of thunderstorm activities in Central and Eastern Missouri today. Localized storms may cause minor amounts of rain, but no severe storms are expected.

### Response Actions:

Missouri Department of Social Services reports: McDonald County Family Services Division is giving support to 30 persons being housed by the Southwest City housing authority. These people were evacuated due to Hurricane Rita.

Missouri State Emergency Management Agency reports:

Missouri Statewide Volunteer Coordinator reports that the Ripley County shelter (Arkansas- Missouri Christian Camp) continues to house 16 people from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

In Springfield, Missouri, the Schweitzer United Methodist Church continues to house 32 people that were displaced by Hurricane Rita.

SEMA continues to staff the State Emergency Operations Center on a 24-hour-a-day basis. Senior Staff are reviewing the need to continue round-the-clock operations. SEMA is processing Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) requests as needed.

The Missouri Donation Hotline (800-841-8891) continues to take calls from anyone wishing to volunteer or donate to victims of both Hurricane Rita and Hurricane Katrina. AmeriCorps volunteers are staffing the hotline from 8am-7pm, seven days a week.

**EMAC Support:**

SEMA continues to respond to EMAC requests as a result of the two hurricanes. Missouri EMAC support for the two storms includes the following:

- A SEMA employee is in Baton Rouge, LA to assist in the state's emergency operations center.
- Members from several fire departments in Region C (St Louis area) continue their work in Gulfport, MS with 26 personnel and 12 water tankers. They are assisting the local fire department with firefighting activities.
- SEMA will send four personnel at various times during October to provide assistance to the State of Mississippi with floodplain management activities.

**Points of Contact:**

SEMA can be contacted on a 24-hour basis at 573-526-9100.